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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dexter Suggs, Sr.

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Whereas, The Milken National Educator Award is the nation's largest teacher recognition program;

Whereas, This award was developed by the Milken Family Foundation to attract the highest quality kindergarten through 12th grade teachers to the teaching profession and to reward and retain them;

Whereas, Forty-two states participate in the Milken National Educator Awards;

Whereas, Milken educators are selected by an independent blue ribbon committee appointed by the Department of Education from each of the 42 participating states;

Whereas, This selection committee recommends the candidates directly to the Milken Family Foundation; there is no nomination or application procedure involved in this award;

Whereas, To be nominated by the selection committee, the candidates must meet the following criteria: possess exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; make outstanding educational accomplishments beyond the classroom; have strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and have an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students,



colleagues, and the community;

Whereas, Dexter Suggs, Sr. fulfills all these requirements;

Whereas, Dexter Suggs, Sr. serves as principal of Emma Donnan Middle School #72 in Indianapolis;

Whereas, Using the motto "Preparing to Be the Best", Dexter Suggs, Sr. has made academic and disciplinary improvements at Emma Donnan Middle School #72 that will help students live up to their potential and lead them on to bright and promising futures;

Whereas, Dexter Suggs, Sr. has worked with community leaders to develop programs for students and staff honoring and encouraging academic excellence and good character;

Whereas, Recognizing that motivated and dedicated teachers are the cornerstone of a working educational system, Dexter Suggs, Sr. sends teachers a weekly electronic newsletter highlighting effective instructional strategies and practices;

Whereas, During his tenure as principal of Margaret McFarland Middle School #112, Dexter Suggs, Sr. helped increase student achievement on the Indiana Statewide Teaching of Educational Progress (ISTEP+) by 14 percent;

Whereas, In addition to his duties at Emma Donnan Middle School #72, Dexter Suggs, Sr. has served on the National School Leader Licensure Consortium and participated in Indiana's Graduation Qualifying Exam assessment committee; and

Whereas, Outstanding teachers and administrators such as Dexter Suggs, Sr. form the cornerstone of our educational system and should be recognized for the contributions they make toward improving the lives of countless generations of Hoosiers: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
2 Dexter Suggs, Sr. on being given the 2007 Milken National Educator
3 Award and thanks him for all his efforts on behalf of the school
4 children of the state of Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dexter Suggs, Sr.
7 and Superintendent Dr. Eugene White.

